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SECURITIES INVESTOR PROT CORPORATION,	ECTION Plaintiff-Applicant,	
v.		No. 08-01789 (SMB)
BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTI SECURITIES LLC,	TMENT	SIPA LIQUIDATION
	Defendant.	(Substantively Consolidated)
In re:		
BERNARD L. MADOFF,		
	Debtor.	

RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS OF CLAIMANT AARON BLECKER TO TRUSTEE'S SECOND SET OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Aaron Blecker ("Responding Party"), by and through his attorneys, and pursuant to Rules 26 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules 7026 and 7034 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Local Rules of this Court, hereby responds and objects to the Second Set of Requests for Production of Documents and Things (the "Requests") of trustee Irving H. Picard (the "Trustee") as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. Responding Party objects to each instruction, definition, and Request to the extent that it purports to impose any requirement or discovery obligation greater than or different from those under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the applicable Rules and Orders of the Court.
- 2. Responding Party objects to each instruction, definition, and Request to the extent it is vague, ambiguous, overly broad and unduly burdensome, or requests the production of documents that are not relevant to any parties' claims or defenses, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 3. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent they request disclosure of (i) legal theories, legal opinions, mental impressions or other information of Responding Parties' counsel, (ii) any information protected by any privilege, including, without limitation, the attorney-client privilege or the privilege afforded to settlements or settlement negotiations, or (iii) any other available and valid grounds for withholding information or documents from production, including, without limitation, the attorney work product doctrine. Nothing contained in these responses should be interpreted as a waiver of any such privilege or doctrine.
- 4. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent they require production of documents not within the possession, custody, or control of the Responding Party.
- 5. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent they call for legal conclusions.
- 6. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent they seek disclosure of proprietary and/or confidential information.
- 7. Responding Party objects to each definition, instruction, and Request as {000206831}

overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks documents that are readily or more accessible to the Propounding Party from its own files or documents, which the Propounding Party previously produced to the Responding Party.

- 8. Responding Party reserves all objections as to the competence, relevance, materiality, admissibility, or privileged status of any information provided in response to these Requests, unless the Responding Party specifically states otherwise.
- 9. Responding Party's responses to the Requests are based upon information presently available. Responding Party has not completed discovery. Accordingly, these responses are made without prejudice to Responding Party's right to present additional evidence based upon information subsequently obtained or evaluated.
- 10. Responding Party expressly reserves the right to supplement, clarify, revise, or correct any responses and objections herein, and to assert additional objections or privileges, in one or more subsequent supplemental response(s).
- 11. Responding Party's response to each of the Requests is made subject to these General Objections and limitations. Responding Party sets them out here to avoid repeating them in response to each individual Request. Responding Party's failure to specifically set forth an objection in response to a particular Request shall not be construed as a waiver of said objection.
- 12. Responding Party objects to the Requests to the extent that they seek disclosure of information or production of documents for a time period that has no relevance to the issues in the complaint and answer.
- 13. Responding Party objects to the Requests because they were served after the close of all discovery on the profit withdrawal issue except for discovery of Madoff's former employees.

RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS

1. Documents showing that you filed federal taxes with the United States government

for the years 1980 through 2009.

RESPONSE: Responding Party has no documents responsive to this request.

Responding Party is in possession of his tax returns for the years 2008 and 2009. Responding

Party objects to the production of these documents because they are irrelevant to the issues in this

case and are not likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence as they are completely

irrelevant as to whether profits were withdrawn from 1986 to 1997.

2. Documents showing that you paid federal taxes to the United States government

for the years 1980 through 2009.

RESPONSE:

See response to request #1.

3. Documents showing the amount of dividend income you reported each year on

your federal taxes concerning BLMIS Accounts 1B0022, 1B0023, 1B0156 and 1B0157 for the

years 1980 through 2009.

RESPONSE:

See response to request #1.

4. Documents created for purposes of reporting dividend income on your federal

taxes concerning BLMIS Accounts 1B0022, 1B0023, 1B0156 and 1B0157 for the years 1980

through 2009, including any schedules showing stocks bought, stocks sold, and the profits from

any stocks bought or sold in BLMIS Accounts 1B0022, 1B0023, 1B0156 and 1B0157.

RESPONSE:

Responding Party has no such documents.

Dated: June 23, 2016

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